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Application No.: 09/807,541 ) Examiner: Kailash C. Srivastava  
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For: MICROORGANISMS THAT )  
EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE )  
LIPIDS AND METHODS OF )  
PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID )  
VESICLES ENCAPSULATING )  
LIPIDS USING SAID )  
MICROORGANISMS )

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

A new Abstract is attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete claims 35 and 69 without prejudice or disclaimer.